

Fishing Rule Supplement

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting, October 4, 2007

Note: Proposed changes to the 2008 Fishing Rule & Guide listed below were not included in the original mailer to the RAC committees or to the Wildlife Board. These additional changes were made to respond to changing conditions, clarify provisions in the rule, provide needed definitions, or to respond to public and interagency comment.

The proposed changes are indicated in redline. Language to be removed is indicated with strikeout, and language to be included is indicated with underline.

Provisions for Specific Waters R657-13-20

BULLOCK RESERVOIR (Uintah County)

- Tiger muskie limit 1, all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.
- Unlawful to use whole fish ~~or amphibians, including water dogs,~~ for bait. Cut bait must not be larger than one inch in any dimension and no more than one piece per hook.

Comments: Tiger salamander prohibition to be listed in general provisions-not needed in specific water regulations.

COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS

Emery County: ~~Ferron City Pond~~, Green River State Park Golf Course Ponds and Huntington Game Farm Ponds;

Comments: Ferron City Pond construction put on hold.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR (Wasatch County)

- Bass limit 6. All bass over 12 inches must be immediately released.
- Yellow perch limit 50.
- Bass may not be filleted and the heads or tails may not be removed in the field or in transit.

PANGUITCH LAKE (Garfield County)

- Limit 4 trout, must be under 15 inches or over 22 inches.
- All trout from 15 to 22 inches must be immediately released.
- Trout may not be filleted and the heads or tails may not be removed in the field or in transit.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR (Wasatch County)

Partial Listing of Regulations

- Trout and salmon may not be filleted and the heads or tails may not be removed in the field or in transit.

Comments: These 3 waters are listed as exceptions to the Possession and Transportation Rule. Additional language was needed in specific water provisions.

LOGAN RIVER (Cache County)

The Logan River proposal, presented at the spring informational, has been tabled pending further review. The DWR is not recommending any change on the Logan River for the upcoming 2008 Fishing Guide in response to comments received from the U.S. Forest Service and from anglers. We will work closely with interested parties and come forward with a proposal at some future time if appropriate.

R657-13-2. Definitions

"Camp" means, for the purposes of this rule, any place providing temporary overnight accommodation for anglers including camp, campground, tent, trailer, houseboat, boat, or hotel.

"Filleting" means the processing of fish for human consumption typically done by cutting away flesh from bones, skin, and body.

Comments: These definitions needed to clarify Possession and Transportation Rule.

R657-13-16. Possession and Transportation of Dead Fish and Crayfish

~~(1) Fish held in possession in the field or in transit shall be kept in such a manner that:~~

~~—— (a) the species of fish can be readily identified;~~

~~—— (b) the number of fish can be readily counted;~~

~~—— (c) the size of the fish can be readily measured when the fish are taken from waters where size limits apply and the fish taken from those waters may not be filleted and the heads or tails may not be removed; and~~

~~—— (d) fillets shall have attached sufficient skin to include the conspicuous markings so species may be identified.~~

(1) (a) At all waters except Strawberry Reservoir, Panguitch Lake and Jordanelle Reservoir, game fish may be dressed, filleted, have heads and/or tails removed, or otherwise be physically altered after completing the act of fishing or reaching a fish cleaning station, camp, or principal means of land transportation. It is unlawful to possess fish that have been dressed or filleted while engaged in the act of fishing. This shall not apply to fish that are processed for immediate consumption or to fish held from a previous day's catch.

(b) Trout and/or salmon taken at Strawberry Reservoir and Panguitch Lake, and smallmouth bass taken at Jordanelle may not be filleted and the heads or tails may not be removed in the field or in transit.

Comments: Minor changes made at the request of Law Enforcement personnel to clarify and simplify rule.